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# Theft may rise with pump prices

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Revie

While escalating fuel prices have shown their impact through various areas in the economy, in Didsbury there has been an unsettling trend at the pumps themselves.

According to Aleta Hawkins, manager of Fas Gas in Didsbury, the business has seen nine drive-aways (pumping gas withpaying) over a four day-span last k. When the business first opened, she says one drive-away a month was

"It's hard to control, because you get busy and can't be watching everyone out at the pump," she said.

When asked about high fuel prices connecting to an increased chance of theft, Didsbury RCMP Cst. Derek Lascelles "The possibility definitely exists. cannot say that we have received an increased number of calls related to gas n' dash type incidents, but many go unre-ported if they are the ten and twenty dollar variety.

which gas stations can apply the brakes to stolen gas incidents.

Cameras for one. Especially if they are well-placed, high-quality cameras can take a clear picture of a license plate," he said.

"Also, although it is inconvenient for the customer, shutting pumps off and forcing the client to pay for their fuel prior to pumping would help, and could very well be the way of the future should prices continue to rise

Hawkins says she will be speaking to her territory manager about the Didsbury location getting an extra set of cameras. Younggyu Gwak of Hi Ho Gas and

Grocery in Didsbury says they have not noticed an increase in gas theft, but are concerned that if fuel prices continue to rise, that the possibility is there. Didsbury Esso owners have also con-

firmed not yet seeing gas theft as a prob-lem for their business.

At press time, the area gas price was

# Students urged to be tolerant of others

BY DAN SINGLETON Didsbury Revie

The Chinook's Edge School Division says its programs promoting tolerance among students are working well, with students at all grade levels given regular instruction on character development.

The Hate Crime In Canada study, released by Statistics Canada last week, has found that youths now account for more than one-third of all persons accused of hate crimes in Canada

"We certainly do have programs that promote toler-ance," said Chinook's Edge deputy superintendent Heather Henderson-Hill. "We look at character education, we look at leadership and developing leadership with stu-dents. We have close relationships with other agencies and other partners in terms of justice. We try to be proac-

"If we feel there are issues that may be coming up, we try to put programs in place. I'm not aware of any specifissues that would relate to intolerance because of race ethnicity or sexual orientation that has been brought to me at this time

Chinook's Edge operates 40 schools, including in Olds, Innisfail, Didsbury, Carstairs, Sundre and Cremona.

Half of all hate-motivated crimes reported by police were property-related offences, while one-third were violent offences such as assaults, according to the new study.

Of the 502 reported incidents motivated by race or eth-nicity, half were targeted against Blacks, 13 percent at South Asians, and 12 per cent at Arabs or West Asians.

Of 220 hate crimes reported to be motivated by religion two-thirds were against the Jewish faith, 21 per cent against Muslims, and six per cent against Catholics.

Hate crimes against homosexuals were most likely to result in physical injury to the victim.

Police-reported data showed that young people aged 12 to 17 were more likely than those in older age groups to be accused of hate crimes, with 38 per cent of all persons

accused being youths.

Male youths were two and a half times more likely than females to be the victims of violent, hate-motivated incidents. The rate for males was 1.8 per 100,000 population, compared with 0.7 for females

Calgary had the highest reported incidents of hate crimes anywhere in Canada



KICKING KUMITE- Jordan Vink (left) of Didsbury and Chris Nakamura (right) of Okotoks, spar while competing in the Iwa Yama aturday June 14, 2008 at Westglen School.

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# Low-flush toilets a go

Rebates to save money for residents, town

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury has announced a new initiative that will result in less

water flowing through its sewer system. A new low-flush toilet rebate program which will involve a \$50 credit for each purchase, is in place for toilets picked up after May 15 of this year. "From a town perspective, the reason for going forward with this rebate, is if we can reduce the amount of water being flushed down toilets, which is probably the biggest use in a household, it means less water going through our sewer system and less that we need to treat," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"...long-term for the town, this can certainly mean savings, if we don't have to build new sewer lagoons due to reducing what we're putting through them."

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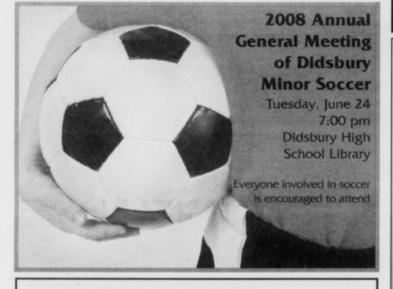
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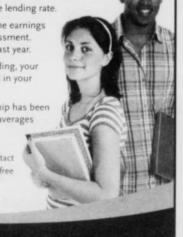
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The Mountain View Gazette **AD BOOKING DEADLINE** is Tues. June 24 at 5 p.m., copy deadline will be noon Wed., June 25. We need to have the MVG to press early Thursday.

The **AD BOOKING DEADLINE** for the Didsbury Review, Carstairs Courier and the Olds Albertan will be Wed., June 25 at 5 p.m., copy deadline Thursday, June 26 at noon.

# **Fun on Canada Day**

The Didsbury R/C Fun Flyers model airplane club will be holding its 17th Annual Canada Day Fun Fly on Tuesday, July 1st at its model airplane field northwest of Didsbury. The public is invited to attend between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm.

Please follow the signs located one block north of Westglen School, to the airfield.

Guest flyers from around southern Alberta will be flying a variety of miniature aircraft. Club members will be pleased to answer questions about the various aspects of the hobby. We hope the public will bring their lawn chairs and join us for the afternoon.





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Corinna van Dyck of Didsbury Home Hardware says low-flush toilets are presently in its warehouse and expected to arrive in the store this Friday.

Van Dyck says, with the new rebate, cation form; the customer retains the the low-flush product "I think it's a great bill, indicating the type

the town wants to pitch promote that, I think are available on a first-in a little bit to promote that, I think that's a posshe said, adding that she expects there

to be a lot of interest in the program.

"That seems to be the way things are going. Everyone is more concerned be held for rebate, pending future about this type of thing and becoming funding. Spring Special Now On

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CORRINA VAN DYCK account is among others.

According to the town, rebates received after the funds are spent will

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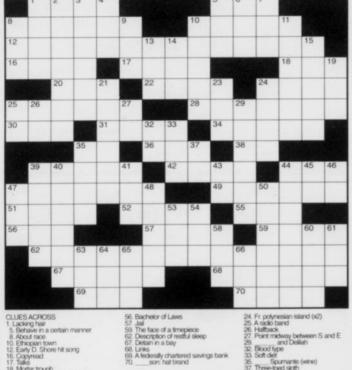
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# **Editorial**

# **Playing politics** with crime legislation

BY DAN SINGLETON Didsbury Review



Prime Minister Harper has renewed his call for tougher penalties for criminals of all ages, urging the opposition parties to help his government pass legislation he says will stop the coddling of criminals while

making streets and homes safer.

In particular Harper is calling on the Liberals to let him push through four pieces of crime legislation:

Mandatory sentences for serious drug offences including those committed for the benefit of organized crime and those involving the use or threat of violence.

· Three new Criminal Code offences to stem the riding tide of identity theft.

Measures aimed at organized auto theft rings

 Amendments to the Youth Criminal Justice Act making it easier to detain young offenders who pose a risk to public safety.

"Our government's approach to criminal justice is fundamentally different from our predecessors' We believe the central purpose of a criminal justice system is not the welfare of the criminal, but the protection of law-abiding citizens and their property," Harper told the Canadian Crime Victims Foundation.

"Our government has no intention of allowing young criminals to avoid punishment and evade responsibility. Anyone who presents a serious threat to public safety should be held fully accountable for his or her actions.

While no law-abiding Canadian would argue with the need to control and, if possible, reduce criminal activities in Canada's cities and towns. the timing of the prime minister's call for opposition cooperation seems somewhat curious.

That is, at the exact same time as he is asking the Liberals, NDP and Bloc to cooperate with his crime agenda, the prime minister and his party have launched a nation-wide ad campaign aimed at discrediting Liberal leader Stephane Dion.

The ads - which are running on TVs and radios across the country - basically call Dion an incompetent leader who would increase taxes for all Canadians if he were elected.

If Mr. Harper was serious about wanting opposition support for his crime agenda, the new attack ads seem to fly in the face of his call for all-party cooperation.

Do the Tories really expect the Liberals to get onboard with their anti-crime legislation in the face of the new ad campaign aimed at the their leader? It wouldn't be surprising if Stephane Dion is asking himself these days, with friends like these who needs enemies?

Getting his crime legislation passed would be a public relations victory for Prime Minister Harper. Yet in light of the new attack ads, it would be very very surprising if the Liberals do anything but continue to fight his plans tooth and nail





MARK LAYCOCK Didsbury Review

With drastically higher gas prices, come drastic measures.

As a reporter, my car is an invaluable piece of machinery. On a daily basis I'm motoring through town and heading down the highway en route to my next story.

However, with gas prices hit-ting the \$1.30 mark, I find myself cringing ever so slightly as I stand at the pump, listening to my hard-earned cash flow into the gas tank of my little Honda Civic.

The other day I could have sworn my wallet felt dramatically lighter even before I went in to pay. Not only that, but I swear I heard the faint sound of Saudi Arabia laughing at me.

It really is a disconcerting feeling, listening to that dial tick away as the dollar amount steadily increases. In fact the other day I was thinking about filling the cab with gas and setting it on fire.

Surely the insurance repara-

Gas prices make me think bike

> tions could buy me a nifty scooter with a bell, basket and super cool reflective orange flag?

> However, I'm forced to think more logically, and legally, and I've come to a reasonable solution to my gas woes: twowheeled, pedal powered propulsion vehicle, better known as the bicycle.

I will note that my little Civic only costs me about \$90 a month, however two years ago it was costing me about \$50 a month.

There are of course, numerous individuals in town pumping out \$90 a week on gas-but it's safe to say we're all feeling the hit.

I have established a goal for myself: cut my gas bill in half by the end of July. This goal of course is dependant on fluctuations in gas prices

I have traditionally thought of myself as a mild environmentalist, which is why it's interesting that this pollution free endeavour has nothing to do with greenhouse gases or the environment.

For some, saving \$45 a month isn't much to look forward to,

however in the long run, those savings amount to \$540 a year.

If a typical lottery ticket costs about \$3, then I'll have saved up enough money to purchase 180 lottery tickets for one drawhow can I lose?

So over the course of the next month and a half-pending acceptable weather conditions--residents of Didsbury should see their local media person. Josh Skapin and I navigating our towns via motorless motor coach.

It'll surely be an adjustment. But as soon as I can hook up some speakers and my iPod to my handlesbars, put a baseball card in the spokes to make cool motorcycle sounds and hang a pair of fuzzy dice it'll be like old times again.

I invite other readers to do the same, not only for your bank book, but for the environment as well. My camera and I will be on the hunt for residents biking to work, sporting events and clubs.

If you're looking to make a switch, or already have, fire off an e-mail:

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#### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday June 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Tuesday July 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

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June 18, 2008 and July 2, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

#### DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

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The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (July 11, 2008)

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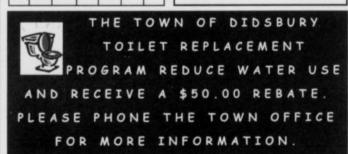
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SOAP BOX DERBY- Braeden Rowan, age 10, came all the way from Red Deer to participate in the Didsbury Lions Club Soap Box Derby that was held on Saturday June 14, 2008. Photos by David Frickson/ Didsbury Review



A FAMILY AFFAIR- Justin Latimer (left) goes up against his sister Heather Latimer (right) on Saturday at the Soap Box Derby.



LIGHTNING SPEED- Blake Dunbar (front) of Red Deer pulls out in front during one of the races on Saturday.

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# Police briefs

BY JOSH SKAPI

Over the past week the Didsbury RCMP detachment received 60 complaints for an average of 8.57 per day.

- 05 Complaint of a traffic collision on Hwy. 2. According to police the incident involved a semi-truck and a car. The individual operating the car was investigated for being under the influence of alcohol.
- 05 Report of an assault in Water Valley. Police say the incident involved a local business employee and a customer
- 05 Complaint of vehicle being keyed at a dealership in
- 06 Complaint of telephone fraud in Didsbury. Police 06 - Complaint of telephone fraud in Diosbury. Ponce say the complainant received a call from someone who claimed to be a Telus employee. The caller told the Didsbury resident that they won a new phone and were prepared to mail it to them, but needed personal information prior to sending the product. When the Didsbury resident contacted Telus, they told him that the caller was not one of their representative.

Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer says, "Don't give out personal information. People are being defrauded of huge amounts of money. If it costs you money or your personal information, you didn't win anything.

- 06 Complaint of a truck with a number of decals on its body swerving in an out of lanes and with a driver who was possibly impaired, while on Hwy. 2.
- The driver of a vehicle, which was pulled over by RCMP members in Didsbury, was found to have the smell of alcohol on their breath. As a result, the driver was
- 06- Complaint of a gas and dash in Didsbury. Police say \$26 worth in gas was stolen from the scene
- 07 Complaint of a black car passing other vehicles at speeds of over 150 km on the shoulder of Hwy.2.
- 07 Complaint of persons in drinking in the stands of the Didsbury Memorial Complex and heckling event par-
- 08 Witnesses heard what sounded like a vehicle colli-sion, at a grocery store in Didsbury. When witnesses left the store they noticed two vehicles fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed, and a parked vehicle left damaged.
- 09 Complaint of a Didsbury resident having his vehicle's tires slashed.
- Complaint of a propane smell in Didsbury. Didsbury Fire Department located the source of the odour, which was a small leak north of town.
- 11 Complaint of a vehicle doing burnouts in the parking lot of a recreation club in Didsbury.
- 11 Complaint of three males loitering and acting in a suspicious manner behind a building in Didsbury. Patrols were made, but the individuals were not located.
- Complaint of a dark coloured sports utility vehicle burning through back alleys and empty lots in Didsbury
- 11- Police received a call from a person who had been canoeing on the Little Red Deer River. The canoe had capsized, and its occupants lost it in the water. The person alerted police so that when people come across the abandoned canoe that a search party was not issued.



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an opera music enthusiast. While she was shy, she

always enjoyed music and rel-

ished the opportunity to sing

"I thought I was a pretty good little singer."

In high school, she chased

her talent. In order to find

its her grandmother

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

acclaimed opera performer who wears the stage handle

better control over her astonishing pipes, she took

calm here. I find it easier to

voice lessons in Olds. One evening, at the end of class, her instructor made a comment that changed the McCulloch thought way about her craft.

"You've got the chops to sing opera," they told her. After class, McCulloch slid

into her car to drive home from the lesson, and instead of turning to one of the sta tions she'd normally flip to, she opted for CBC Radio,

noted for its classical music.
"There was an opera on, and I thought to myself, 'really? I can do that?

McCulloch then started work with a woman in Calgary, who provided her first look at an Italian arts

"I was blown away, with the beauty and the wit," she said.

"I have been searching my whole life for something that would allow me to express myself, and that was it

Audition season for opera singers is in the fall, which will result in McCulloch and partner, Bruce Radmacher finding lodgings in Toronto and bidding for roles.

"We're going to throw caution to the wind and audition our butts off," she said.

"It's very unknown. should probably be nervous and scared than I

But something that's been occupying her thoughts since she returned to Mountain View County has been a concert slated for the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church June 22 at 7:30 p.m.

"I am pretty darn excited about this one," she says. "Bruce and I have been putting this together for about three years now."

The diverse repertoire spans from 17th century opera, to a world premiere of a piece that had never been

performed before.
"It's by a Canadian composer David McIntyre and was specifically written for Bruce (Radmacher's) voice and mine

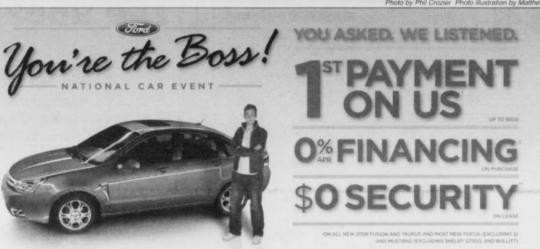
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# **AIDS** devastation sparks African fundraising campaign

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For most in Canada, a trip to the optometrist is regular part of a yearly routine, and a new pair of glasses might only be purchased for aesthetic pur-

Access to medical care has the same impression: it's available for those in need, when they need it.

However, in South Africa, an entire genera-tion of children and teens are growing up without parents, and without access to adequate medical care.

devastation The HIV/AIDS in the region has almost eliminated an entire generation of peoan ple. With them goes the country's history and wellbeing, as well as the future prospects of the many children who are left abandoned on the streets

Carstairs resident, Mary Allen Speers has seen first hand the conditions present in the ailing country.

Speers, a registered nurse at the Rockey View Hospital in Calgary, recently attended a mis-sion with the Samaritan's Purse organization to South Africa and Angola where she worked with doctors and nurses in remote areas of the countries to provide basic health and eye care to

those in need. While there, she couldn't help but notice the many children in need of a guardian and the many grandmothers who are in urgent need of support to raise their grandchildren.

In response, she three other women: Lynn Martens, and Gail Browning of Carstairs, both registered nurses at the Didsbury Hospital, and Jean Whittaker of Didsbury have become participants Grandmothers in the Grandmothers program, which brings much needed support to grandmothers in troubled areas of Africa.

"A lot of the people have zero health care, like in Angola 70 per cent of people won't have access to a

physician," says Speers.
"When we were in
Angola, we met lots of families that had no males alive and grandmothers (were) looking after their children because their par-ents died from HIV/AIDS."

Fellow group member Jean Whittaker said the group of women is looking to increase the size of their group and hopefully hold a large fundraiser at least once a year and send all the funds to the grandmothers campaign.

"We're hoping to circulate all the libraries and the museums and the organizations so everyone

organizations so everyone knows what we're talking about," says Wittaker. During the '70s, Wittaker spent three years in Zambia, where she wit-

nessed the tragic events unfolding in the troubled it hasn't yet faded from her mind.

Once you get bit by the Africa bug, you can't let go," she said.

Speers said that four years ago, two nurses from her hospital attended a mission to Malawi where they distributed glasses to residents, and worked in local hospitals.

When they went there, they had such a great time and they wanted to go again," said Speers.

Drawing inspiration from her co-workers.

Mexico where she helped perform vision tests and medical care.

The mission was also done Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational Christian international relief organization.

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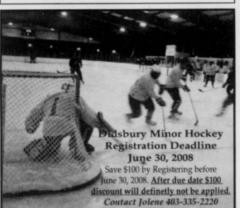
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"We had such a positive experience that we made a commitment we would go again, but we said we wanted to go to Africa, and we wanted to go longer and we wanted a combined vision and medical team."
In 2007 she set off for

South Africa and Angola for a month with funds she raised herself.

Upon the team's arrival, those in the mission were inundated with residents with eye diseases, blinding cataract, medical needs and the need for evewear.

said the group worked feverishly, per-forming cataracts surgery in tents, eye tests in exist-ing medical facilities, and doling out glasses to the needy

After slipping a pair of

glasses on one Speers said he jumped back in shock, telling them, "You girls are angels, and when you get to heaven the gates heaven will be open, and I will meet you there.

Speers said it wasn't uncommon to find children as young as two years old afflicted with sickness.

says that after She breastfeeding, the mortal-ity rate for children between 15 months and five years is 50 per cent. As a result, many parents don't name their kids so as to not waste a good name.

Furthermore, grandmothers are only capable of raising one or two grandchildren at a time, meaning some children are abandoned on the street.

The majority of glass handed out while on the mission were taken from the donation boxes found at most optometrist buildings and Lions Clubs.

Speers said the group took more than 500 pairs collected from the Carstairs Lions Club, Carstiars United Church, and Moose Jaw Lions

> "Once you get bit by the Africa bug, you can't let go,"

> > JEAN WHITTAKER

Money raised from the Carstairs United Church prior to the Africa excursion was used to pur-chase eye drops. Speers said they were invaluable, pointing to an instance where a doctor was mix-ing IV drugs in a sink in order to proc makeshift eye drops. produce

Speers is planning a return trip to Angola in 2010, and said a fellow doctor is taking training courses on cataract surgery and that a few of the nurses are hoping to learn Portuguese.

The four women are now turning to residents of Mountain View County for support in order to give the next trip to Africa even more impact.

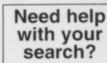
"What we're planning at the moment, is to have one big event in the year to raise money, and we're looking to raise thou-sands—we're going to think big," said Whittaker. She notes that everyone

is welcome to support the Grandmothers Grandmothers program. Even those without grandchildren can inducted as honourary grandmothers. She also emphasized that the program is non-denominational.

Speers feels it's the group's responsibility spread the word and grow their group in order to

support Africans in need. "We want to go out and share the word. Someone turned us on to this, and we'd like to turn you on."

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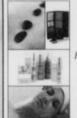
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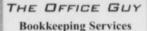
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# Tyke Chargers wrap up season

The 2008 Didsbury Chargers tyke lacrosse team was made up of a good mix of returning veterans was made up of a good link of returning veetalists and new recruits. Veterans were #3 Josh Vanderstoop, #5 Kaleb Brander, #6 Corson Waiting, #7 Ella Schindel, #9 Hunter Nelson, #10 Joey Dick, #15 Koby Brander, #16 Caleb Schindel and #17 Jett Laveck. New to lacrosse were #11 Russel Rabchak, #12 Justin Carpenter, #13 Eryk Dirks, #14 Riley Molander, #19 William Jensen and #20 Tyler Chomyn. Each game brought new opportunities for the players to show their skills. "Bulldog" Ella, "fearless" Joey and "Iron" Riley, would lay crushing blows as "relentless" Russel and "mighty" William would fight for the ball. and "mighty" William would fight for the ball.
"Lightning" Josh and "flash" Kaleb would race for pinpoint passes from "sharp shooter" Corson and Eagle Eye Hunter. Opponents soon learned to fear the moves of Spin master Jett and "tricky" Tyler as they left opponents in their dust. No defense could stand up to Justin "the wall' and Eryk "the Enforcer" as they cleared the way for "rocket" Koby and "cool hand" Caleb to move in for the score. Together we all had a great season. Here is to the 2008 tyke Chargers.

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Evelyn was born and raised in Airdrie, Alberta
and pursued a teaching career, until her marriage
to Ervin Klinck in 1940. Together they raised
their daughter, Darlene, and farmed west of
Didsbury, Alberta until Ervin's death in 1974.
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Didsbury, Alberta until Ervin's death in 1974. Evelyn remained on the farm until 1993 at which time she moved to Calgary, Alberta and married Alvin Scheer. Evelyn will be lovingly remembered by her sister Vola (Howard) Farquharson; son-in-law Raymond Marcil; grandchildren Brenda (Mark) Toth, Dean (Cristina) Marcil; great-grandchildren Jesse and Brittney Toth, Lorenzo and Gabriella Marcil. She was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Nancy Farr; sisters Bernice O'Neil, Jean Farr; husbands Ervin Klinck, Alvin Scheer; daughter Darlene Marcil. Evelyn will be fondly remembered for her love of travel, needlework and antique furniture. A private family graveside service will be held in Didsbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Evelyn's name directly to the

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Bill was born in Calgary July 19 1928. He was raised in Innisfail and worked for Shell Canada until retiring and later moved to Gabriola Island, BC in 2003

Bill's greatest passions were spending time with his family, friends, all sports, especially golf and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion,

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Bill will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and willingness to help others. His nickname was Mr. Fix-it. Bill always had time for a smile and a good conversation.

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